

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ delivery apparatus according to claim 10 ~~1~~, wherein the pressure of the pressurized gas is 2 bar or less.

3. (Currently Amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ delivery apparatus according to claim 10 ~~1~~ or ~~2~~, wherein source of pressurized gas is disposed so that, in use, the path of the gas is coaxial with a longitudinal axis of the tube.

4. (Currently Amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ delivery apparatus according to claim 10 ~~1~~, wherein the transfer sealable passage is sealable by a gate having an internal cross-section that is substantially matched in terms of shape and dimension to the internal cross-section of the delivery tube so as to reduce turbulence or drag to the flow of gas passing it.

5. (Currently Amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ delivery apparatus according to claim 10 ~~1~~, wherein the transfer sealable passage is in the form of a ball valve that is rotatable between a first position in which an aperture in the valve is in communication with the supply of fasteners so as to receive at least one fastener and a second position in which the aperture provides communication between the source of pressurized gas and the delivery tube.

6. (Currently Amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ delivery apparatus according to claim 10 ~~1~~, wherein the delivery tube is of a size such that, in use, there is a clearance between the fastener and the tube so as to provide a gas cushion around the fastener.

7. (Currently Amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ delivery apparatus according to claim 10 ~~1~~, wherein the delivery tube has external orientation and/or location features.

8. (Currently Amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ delivery apparatus according to claim 10 ~~4~~, wherein there is provided an additional source of pressurized gas in the transfer ~~sealable~~ passage that serves to clean the rivets of dirt or debris.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) A fastener delivery apparatus for connection to a setting tool of a fastener machine comprising:

a fastener delivery tube and a fastener supply;

the delivery tube being connected to the fastener supply and being connectable to the setting tool;

the delivery tube having a bore that defines an internal cross-section profile configured to conform substantially to the size and shape of the fastener to be used;

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a source of pressurized gas having an outlet that is connected to the delivery tube and configured to supply pressurized gas through the bore of said tube so as to propel fasteners along said tube towards the setting tool;

said outlet having a bore with an interior shape and dimension that is substantially identical to said internal cross-section profile of the delivery tube bore;

a movable transfer passage for transferring a fastener between the fastener supply and the delivery tube;

a seal associated with the transfer passage for sealing the passage so as to prevent leakage of gas from the delivery tube.

11. (New) The fastener delivery apparatus according to claim 2, wherein source of pressurized gas is disposed so that, in use, the path of the gas is coaxial with a longitudinal axis of the tube.